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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 January 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-9 and 11-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-9 and 11-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1 The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which the subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1, 3-9 and 11-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Specification of the Bluetooth System, Wireless Connections made easy, Profiles (hereinafter referred to as "the Specification") in view of Slaughter, III et al (US 5,598,536) and further in view of Sondermann et al (US 5,448,764).

Regarding claims 1, 9 and 18, the Specification discloses a method and a wireless communication device for discovering the name of a responding device in an initiator device having a wireless transceiver comprising broadcasting a first wireless signal to be received by the responding device (inquiry (GIAC) from A to B, B, 'B'), receiving a second wireless signal from the responding device, the second wireless signal is sent to the first wireless signal and comprising an address for the responding device (inquiry responses from B', B" to A). See Fig. 6.1 on page 38. The Specification shows the Initiator storing a list of Bluetooth Device Addresses but fails to teach the feature of accessing a memory cache comprising names of devices, retrieving a name for the responding device from the memory cache.

Slaughter discloses a remote access server that allows remote users access to a local computer network and includes the feature of using a user ID string as entered by the user and communicated over a digital and/or analog communication link or links to the remote access server which uses the user ID string to index into a database and retrieve an IP address associated with the ID string (see col. 3, line 13 to col. 4, line 10, col. 6, line 65 to col. 7, line 10).

It would therefore have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art incorporate the indexing of an user ID with a stored address into the discovery process of the Specification in order to facilitate the transparent access to the network by remote authorized users.

The combination of the Specification and Slaughter does not specifically disclose determining whether a name for the responding device is present in the memory cache and transmitting a wireless request for a name to the responding device provided a name for the responding device is absent from the memory cache, receiving a name for the responding device in response to the wireless request, and storing the name received from the responding device in the memory cache, wherein the name is indexed in the memory cache using the address for the responding device.

Sondermann teaches determining whether a name for the responding device is present in the memory cache (see column 1, lines 60-67 and see column 4, lines 24-42, in Sondermann, the *identification code* reads on applicant's *name*) and transmitting a wireless request for a name to the responding device provided a name for the responding device is absent from the memory cache (also see column 1, lines 60-67

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and see column 4, lines 24-42), receiving a name for the responding device in response to the wireless request (also see column 1, lines 60-67 and see column 4, lines 24-42), and storing the name received from the responding device in the memory cache, wherein the name is indexed in the memory cache using the address for the responding device (also see column 1, lines 60-67 and see column 4, lines 24-42).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the teaching of Sondermann in to the system of the Specification and Slaughter so that user of such a handset can sign on at any base station that may be selected at random by the user (see Sondermann, column 1, lines 55-59).

Regarding claims 13, 19 and 22, the Specification as modified by Slaughter and Sondermann would show transmitting a wireless request for a name to the responding device (inquiry), receiving a name for the responding device (name request), see the Specification, Fig. 6.4, sections 6.4.1-6.4.4, and storing the name of the responding device in the memory cache, wherein the name is indexed in the memory cache using the address for the responding device as taught by Slaughter, col. 3, lines 60-67).

Regarding claims 3-5, 12, 14, 15, 21, 23 and 24, the modified Specification and Sondermann fails to explicitly teach removing from the memory cache an entry for one of the devices when a total number of cache entries exceeds a predetermined limit, the entry comprising a name and an address, wherein an entry is removed from the memory cache according to an aging scheme, wherein the aging scheme ranks entries

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according to frequency of use as well updating the memory cache when the name for the responding device is changed.

Slaughter further discloses that the database is maintained by the network manager who exercises control (e.g., has the authority and ability to define, add, and delete) remote user names, user ID strings and IP addresses (see col. 4, lines 4-10), suggesting the capability to remove a stored entry as well as carrying out update of entries in memory.

It would therefore have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to use the teaching of Slaughter to provide needed removal and updating of entries in the memory in order to dynamically maintain and conserve the database or cache memory space as the entries changes including purging old entries that that have not been used or accessed for some time in the above combination of the Specification, Slaughter and Sondermann.

Regarding claims 6, 11 and 20, the combination of the Specification, Slaughter and Sondermann does not specifically disclose displaying the name on a display of the initiator device. The concept of displaying names and information on wireless communication devices is very well known in the art and examiner takes Official Notice that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide a communication device having display capabilities for the benefit of verifying the retrieved name or address in the Specification as modified by Slaughter.

Regarding claims 7, 8, 16, 17, 25 and 26, the Specification shows wherein the initiator device and responding device are Bluetooth-enabled devices and the initiator device is a portable computer system (see page 38, section 6.2.1).

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 3-9 and 11-26 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

4. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.


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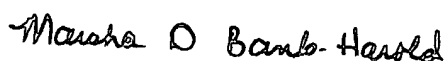
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nghi H. Ly whose telephone number is (703) 605-5164. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 am-5:30 pm Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Marsha Banks-Harold can be reached on (703) 305-4379. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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